

In the Claims (Marked-Up Version)

1. (Amended) A method for examining a pruritic disease, comprising:
measuring [the] concentrations of [plural] various types of opioid peptides in blood cells, body fluid, or tissue, and
calculating the ratio of said concentrations to thereby determine whether opioids are involved in the disease.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said opioid peptides to be measured are [plural] opioid peptides selected from the group consisting of a μ -opioid peptide, a κ -opioid peptide, a δ -opioid peptide, and nociceptin.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim [5]1, wherein said pruritic disease is pruritus with atopic dermatitis, neurodermatitis, contact dermatitis, seborrheic dermatitis, autosensitization dermatitis, caterpillar dermatitis, asteatosis, senile pruritus, insect bite, hyperesthesia optica, urticaria, prurigo, herpes, impetigo, eczema, tinea, lichen, psoriasis, scabies, acne vulgaris, malignant tumor, diabetes, hepatic disease, renal failure, hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, or pregnancy.

✓ Kindly cancel Claims 5 and 7 - 11 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.